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Application of: Tzong-Shi Jan et al.

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For: A MULTI-LAYERED METAL ROUTING TECHNIQUE

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 12, 2005. The Examiner requires an election between Group I, Claims 1-26, drawn to a method for creating multi-layered metal interconnects, classified in class 438, subclass 1+, or Group II, Claims 27 - 34, drawn to a structure of multi-layered metal interconnects, classified in class 257, subclass 758.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-26, drawn to a method drawn for creating multi-layered metal interconnects, classified in class 438, subclass 1+. This election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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